

STATE OF HAWAII CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 30, 2003

Department of Public Safety

Present: Mr. Ron Hajime, Administrator, Adult Probation,

Circuit Court of the First Circuit

Mr. Bryan Yee for Mark Bennett, Attorney General,

Department of the Attorney General

Mr. Dean Yamashiro for John Tonaki, Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender

Mr. John Peyton, Jr., Director, Department of Public Safety

Mr. Tommy Johnson for Mr. Albert Tufono Chair, Hawaii Paroling

Authority

Mr. Mark Nakagawa for Henry Lau for Lee Donohue, Chief of Police, Honolulu Police Department

Mr. Peter Gellatly, President, Network Media & OOPS (Out of

Prison Services)

Staff: Ms. Martha Torney, Program Specialist II, Department of Public

Safety

Mr. Joe Allen, Research Analyst, Sentencing

Simulation Model Project

Mr. Homer Hankins, Project Leader, Sentencing

Simulation Model Project

Ms. Cheryl Rodrigues, Programming, Planning & Budgeting,

Department of Public Safety

Mr. Ken Hashi, Programming, Planning & Budgeting, Department

of Public Safety

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Excused: The Honorable Richard K. Perkins, Chair CPMC, Judge, Circuit

Court of the First Circuit

The Honorable Peter Carlisle, Prosecuting Attorney, City and

County of Honolulu

Mr. Henry Lau, Assistant Chief of Police, Honolulu Police

Department

Serena Camara, In-Facility Substance Abuse Counselor, ATS

Salvation Army

1. Opening of the meeting: Mr. Hajime called the meeting to order at 1:36PM.

a. Approval of minutes: Minutes were approved.

2. Director's report on the status of the correctional system: The handout that was distributed showed the overall Inmate Population, by location (Out of State and Federal Detention Center) and by the Status of the Offender. Also illustrated were two graphs, one on Prison Sentences by Priors and another on Probation Sentences by Priors. For more information, please refer to the handouts.

3. Old Business:

- a. Ms. Torney informed the Commission about the SCR 86 Task Force's assignment of having to find out "does Hawaii need a three-strikes law or does the repeat offender law already do that"? The Task Force had requested the project review all states that have the three-strikes law and track the crime rate in that state before and after the introduction of the law. Mr. Allen and Malia Marks, a student from the UH Law School, created a graph for each state illustrating the crime rates before and after the law went into effect and compiled the graph's into the "3-Strikes States: Index of Crime Rates (1985-2001)". It was found that crime rates displayed increases and decreases at the same rates for non-3-strike states and 3-strike states. In other words, it appeared that there was little to no meaningful impact during that timeframe.
- b. The simulations discussed were of California, New Jersey, and Federal law. The California simulation gives projections of a state with a very extensive 3-strikes law; the New Jersey simulation gives projections of a state that has a less inclusive 3-strikes law; and the Federal system is in the middle. From the simulations, the difference in population differences is very pronounced. California shows an increase of over 30% in the near term, while the Federal law application shows a more modest 8-9%, and the New Jersey application shows less than 1% in the long-term future.

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- 4. New Business
- 5. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting
- **6.** Closing of the meeting: Mr. Hajime adjourned the meeting at 3:15 P.M.